



350 TOPICS FOR TOEFL IBT SPEAKING INDEPENDENT TASKS



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TOEFL iBT INTENSIVE COURSES**

1. Your foreign friend is considering coming to your country to visit, but he/she doesn't know how to plan the trip. What suggestions do you give him/her?
2. Describe one advantage or disadvantage of building universities in small town or rural areas.
3. Some parents think they should protect students from making mistakes. Some think they should let them make mistakes. What do you think?
4. Do you agree or disagree? Children should listen or read news at an early age.
5. Do you agree or disagree that government should pass a law to fine people who use mobile phones when crossing the street?
6. Children will be unwilling to learn musical instrument since they need to keep practicing. What should parents do?
 - a. Force children to learn musical instruments.
 - b. Let children choose whether to learn musical instrument
7. When giving feedbacks to students, some teachers would like to talk to their students in person, while some teachers would give written comments to students. Which do you prefer and why?
8. The university is going to increase the price junk food, to make more money, and use the money to add more kinds of healthy food. Do you agree or disagree?
9. Some students enjoy decorating their surroundings: others choose to keep their surroundings simple and free of any decorations. Which do you prefer and why?
10. Some students like teachers who often supervise their study and work, while others like teachers who allow them to study independently and check their work occasionally. Which one do you prefer? Explain your reasons.
11. Some people like participating in performance like theatrical or musical show. Others prefer to be in audience watching those plays. Which one do you prefer? 1. make money, 2. boost self confidence, 3. experience enjoyable time
12. Some people prefer sending messages while others prefer making phone calls directly, which one do you prefer?

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13. Some people want to change their appearance, even by surgery. Do you agree or disagree? Give your reasons.

14. If you are going to have an interview with a famous person in your community, which of the following people will you choose?

- a. businessman
- b. professor
- c. artist

Give detailed information to support your answer and explain why.

15. Among the following jobs, which one do you think is most interesting and why?

- a. airplane pilot
- b. actor
- c. detective

16. People are encouraged to use reusable bags and bring their own bags when going shopping, and there will be a fee imposed on plastic bags. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of this policy.

17. If universities are given financial support to develop researches, which one do you think would receive more benefits?

- a. To predict weather more accurately.
- b. To clean rivers and ocean.
- c. To deal with outer space.

18. Your university has acquired a piece of land next to the campus. There have been three options for the use of the land. Which do you prefer? Why?

- a. the athletic facilities and stadiums.
- b. a park with nature trails
- c. centers for students and hotel for campus guests

19. The university international office is going to hold a social event. Which one of the following choices do you think is the best?

- a. international food fair
- b. international music festival
- c. international film festival

20. The university currently requires all the students to take the physical education course to get graduate. Which of the following choice will you choose?

- a. soccer

b. dancing

21. Which of the following areas of current events do you most like to read ?

a. Politics

b. Sports

c. Arts and films

1. being aware of sport events
2. boost my feeling and mental health, making feel happy

22. There is going to be a students' TV show. Which show would you like to watch. Please Give your reasons.

a. An interview with school leaders

b. Students' debate on political and social topics

c. Comedy about school life

23. Our degree requires you to take one course, which one would you choose?

a. Energy and environment

b. Health and nutrition

c. Solar system

24. The university wants to provide students more entertainments. Three choices are provided below; which do you prefer and why?

a. theater performance by student actors

b. concert provided by professional musicians

c. lecture by a professor

25. Recall an argument that you had with others and describe the details of the conflict.

26. Which idea do you agree with? Children born with talents should be treated in a different way, or they should be treated in the same way as average children.

27. Some people believe old people should not take risks and participate in adventurous events as the young people. Do you agree? Why?

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سلامت جسم و روان بالاتر
انگیزه و رول مدل و الگو برای جوانان

28. Some people believe that we should not discuss the private activities of the popular people, like movie stars and singers. Do you agree? Why?

29. You have been very busy and unable to prepare for the exam tomorrow. You can either stay up late to study and sleep less or just study less and get full night's sleep. Which will you choose?

30. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? With the popularity of the technology that focuses on entertainment, people read fewer books than before.

31. Some students think that they should be graded based on participating in the discussion class, while others think that they should be graded based on written work, such as paper. Which opinion would you prefer? Why?

32. If you are to choose between two apartments to live in next semester; one apartment is near the campus but slightly expensive, the other is a little far from the campus but cheaper, which one do you prefer and why?

33. You live in a crowded city with only one green space-the city park. The government recently proposes to build a housing complex on this only green space. Do you think this is a good idea?

34. Imagine that you have been accepted by two different universities: one university is well-known for its excellent academic program, but it's expensive, while the other is less well-known, but has offered you with scholarship to pay for your tuition fee. Which university would you prefer? explain why.

35. Many people think that students study course materials more effectively by taking exams, while others think that students learn more effectively through doing other activities such as writing paper or completing projects. Which do you think is more effective for students to learn?

36. You will need to accomplish an assignment to do a presentation. Which will you choose?

a. Act out a scene from a play (with a partner)

b. Explain your review of a novel you recently you read

c. Read a selection of poem

37. Which of following aspects do you think contributes most to country's success?

a. many business opportunities

b. well rounded medical care system

c. a developed educational system

1. less unemployment problems in society> less investment budget in this area by government. Allocate that money for another purpose in community
2. self-sufficient community> less need to other countries and fewer import goods into country since we can produce them within the country.

1. fewer diseases>>higher living standard>>less medical problems throughout the country
2. high rate development and progress in medical areas>> self-sufficient in medicine and doctors, surgeons, experts,... no need to import from other countries>>export to other countries>>bring money to country.

1. well-equipped, well-educated, skillful students will graduate in different field of study> self-sufficient in different areas>> no need to other countries
2.

38. Someone choose to work in a small company or organization with a few workers. Others prefer to work in a large company or organization with thousands of employees. Which do you think is better?

39. Teaching is a challenging profession. Even the best teacher can make mistakes. What are the common mistakes a teacher can make?

40. Your friend has a close family member who is sick and you would do something to comfort her. Describe what would you do to comfort her family member's illness and explain why you think it is helpful. Use specific examples and details to support your opinion.

41. Do you like to make a plan with friends about social activities in advance or plan it when you attend it?

42. There are many disagreements between friends. What is one of the effective ways to resolving the disagreements. Use your examples and details to explain.

43. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Current celebrities (like musicians, actors/actresses, athletes) set a good example as role model for the young people.

44. Do you agree or disagree that hiring experienced teachers is a deciding factor for the success of a school?

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تجربه بیشتری دارن مشکلات دانش آموزها رو بهتر میتونن حل کنن

45. Which campus improvement do you suggest your school make: swimming pool, cafeteria or **dormitory**? Please give specific reasons to support your opinion.

میتونن فسیلیتی های جانبی بهش اضافه بشه
بزرگترش کنن تعداد افراد هر اتاق کمتری بشه
یا کتابخونه بزنن

46. Which of the following three would you choose to do in summer vacation? Working as a librarian, painter in an art center, or **life guard in the natatorium**.

47. Which of the following technological developments has made the greatest impact on students' lives?

a. electronic books

b. online classes

استرس زان نیست مثل کلاسهای واقعی
مهارتهای دیگه هم یاد میگیرن
سینو تایم
سینو مانی

c. smartphones

48. If you are going to choose a roommate which of the following quality is more important to you.

a. Cleanness

آرامش بیشتر > تمیزی 1.
بهداشت بیشتر

b. Friendliness

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آرامش بیشتر. دوری از خانواده رو راحت تر میکنه

c. Quietness

دیسرتکت نکنه واسه موقع خونندن
آرامش موقع بخوابیم

49. Which would you prefer: doing exercise every day or only when you are free?

50. Do you agree or disagree that it is important for young people to learn some domestic skills like cooking, sewing and taking care of children?

منبع درآمدشون بشه 1.
استفاده در آینده مثلا آشپزی 2.

51. In every culture, there are some customs or traditions from the past that young people no longer follow. Describe a custom or tradition from the past that is no longer common but you wish was still popular today. Give specific reasons why you wish that was still popular.

52. Your friend has to work a lot. Please suggest a hobby to help him spend his weekend in a more delightful way. Explain why. Please include details and examples in your explanation.

53. Describe the disadvantages of moving to a new place.

54. Describe **what you were like** when you started attending school.

55. What is the ONE thing that makes your country different from other countries?

56. Which of the following choice do you think has the greatest impact on environmental protection?

a. Governmental Regulations

b. Environmental Awareness Groups

☒ c. Individual Efforts

57. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Schools need to encourage students to be more creative and use imagination to be successful person.

58. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important to maintain relationship with family members than with friends.

59. Some people get to know a person by the first observation while others prefer to get to know a person by long time observation. Which one do you prefer and explain why.

60. Do you agree or disagree the following statement? Older doctors are more knowledgeable than young doctors? Use specific details and examples to explain why.

61. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? For being **successful in business, being outgoing and friendly is very important.**
1. outgoing and friendly>> make more friends>> more communication with a wide range of people>> improve social circle> use their
2. ایده های نو بدست بیاورن از طریق ارتباط با افراد مختلف.

62. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students learn more when teachers assign a lot of homework. Use specific details and examples to explain why.
1. more homework> more practice> learn course materials with more details and profoundly
2. they learn to manage their time, utilize brain more and improve their intellectual abilities more effectively and efficiently so as to perform all homework in a limited time>

63. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A boss or a manager should not form close friendship with their employees.

مخالف:

1. رابطه صمیمانه باعث میشه کارکنان از فضای کاری راضی باشند و این باعث بشه پروداکتیو تر کار کنند.
2. رابطه خوب با کارکنان باعث میشه کارمندا در مواقع مشکلات بیشتر جان فشانی کنند و در حل مشکلات بیشتر کمک کنند.
3. رابطه خوب باعث صمیمیت بیشتر کارمندا و منیجرها میشه که این باعث اعتماد بیشتر بین طرفین میشه.

64. Do you agree or disagree? Government should not allow violence and bad language in television program.

65. Which type of professor do you prefer: an interesting professor with a strict grading policy or a boring professor with a loose grading policy?

66. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is easier to be an adult than it is to be a child.

67. Your university will sponsor one of the following activities for students, an outdoor camp night, a music festival to experience the local culture or a computer game contest in the dorm. Which do you think is the best and why?

68. What kind of activity do you think that children do to cultivate a sense of responsibility?

- a. keeping a pet**
- b. doing house chores**
- c. helping take care of their younger sisters or brothers.**

Use specific details and examples in your response.

69. Some people prefer to solve a challenge all by themselves. Others prefer to depend on other people's help. Which do you prefer and why? Include details and examples in your explanation.

70. When students have questions about an assignment for class; some prefer to ask their professors for help, others would rather ask fellow students. Which do you prefer?

71. Some people prefer to have their schedules fully and specifically arranged. Some people, however, prefer to leave themselves a lot of free time. Which do you prefer and why?

72. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students should do some part-time jobs before they attend college. Please use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

73. Do you think it is important for people to learn about local history?

1. boost general info about culture, tradition, history, civilization, and costumes of the local area, some of which are fascinating > we can attend them later
2. find out how people lived in the past and how they overcame any obstacles they were encountered > learn life lessons

74. Now teachers tend to assign group assignments instead of individual assignments. Talk about one advantage and one disadvantage of doing so.

75. Your foreign friend is considering coming to your country to visit, but he/she doesn't know how to plan the trip. What suggestions do you give him/her?

76. A big corporation is planning to invest in a factory in your hometown. This factory will create many job opportunities for people, but also will bring a lot of pollution at the same time. Do you agree or disagree with the plan?

77. Nowadays students usually take exams in the class, but some universities allow students to take exams at home. Talk about the advantages or disadvantages of taking exams at home. Give specific reasons to support your answer.

78. Some people prefer talking about their opinion immediately when they get the topic, while others prefer to wait and listen to others before they talk about their own opinion. Which one do you prefer and why?

79. Your friend went straight to work after high school and skipped university. But now ten years later, he decides to go to university. Please talk about at least one challenge he will face when he goes to university at an elder age.

80. Do you agree or disagree with the statement?

1. disrespect to speaker 2. we break his train of thought

It's never acceptable to interrupt other people when they are talking.

81. Some parents think they should protect students from making mistakes. Some think they should let them make mistakes. What do you think?

82. One of your friends decided to study more courses in order to graduate one year earlier. Do you agree or disagree?

83. Your university decided to allow local communities to attend classes on campus; they could enter into the class but can't ask questions and don't have assignments. Do you agree or not?

84. Do you agree or disagree? Physical exercise is more important for older people than young people.

85. Talk about at least one advantage/ disadvantage of not being active on social website and social media.

86. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

1. unfair to those who are qualified and deserved to get that job position, 2. corruption in society> people lose incentive and hope to try to learn and find job since they see these corruptions and they feel their efforts will not be appreciated in the future>> they will tend to use other influence to find job >.easeir to get a job without making effort and without studying.

It is acceptable that someone uses others' influence to get a job.

87. Now many people are willing to take care of and educate their children at home. What do you think about homeschooling?

88.If you are an interviewer, which of the following aspects of the job seeker will you consider? Why?

Performance during the interview

1. high self-confidence> manage stress
2. high performance> perfect answer to Q> high knowledge>>well-educated

good educational background>>well-educated person>>have higher knowledge in his field of study>> helpful and qualified for company and that job position
better or excellent educational background>>indicates he is a hard-work students>>he will be more likely to hardly work in his career in workplace.

Education

Work experience

- 1.well-equipped and experienced>>> good and promising job candidate>>he can better help the company
- 2.

differeent:1. communicate with a wider range of people>more social person,& benefit form them:EX: friend with professor>>help in course materials

89.Do you prefer to be friends with peers or friends of different ages?

1. peer> better understand each other and have more similarities in character and personality>friendship last more.
- 2.

90.Do you prefer to choose regular working hours or work more freely at home?

regular: 1. more discipline, a well-organized person>>more concentrated in works

at home: 1. no boss supervise me>>less stress>better focus on task

2. reduce wasting time at home 2.utilize my time more effectively>Ex: do the task at night, carry out another work during the day>make more money

91.Many people have some fresh and challenging experiences. Talk about one of your own experiences and how you think about it.

university entrance exam:1. I had to study hard since I did not had a solid foundation +I had to work beside my studying>utilize time effectively>>I became successful>got high grade and excellent rank

92.Some people think that the library should be quiet. Some people think

that social activities should be provided for students to meet friends and

have meetings. What do you think?

social activities: 1. group projects need meeting and interaction in library 2. students are more comfortable and do not feel constrain and limitation 3. get used to study in difficult situation and in places that is more comfortable

quite: 1. less distraction and more concentration on studying 2. more discipline in lib.

93.Even if you are older, you can get a university degree. Do you disagree with this view?

dis: 1. the older, the harder to learn, 2. in elderly, people are more busy and overwhelmed with work, family and other tasks> less time for education and study, 3. an old person has to attend in class with young students>> do not understand each other> less things in common in terms of personality and tastes> more disagreement>> feel uncomfortable in that atmosphere and situation. 4. have less encourage and incentive to study

94.What is the common mistake parents make when they are educating their children?

1. do not allow them to think about the challenges and problems>> become less creative>> allow them to use answer guide books, solution books to solve their questions
2. using traditional ineffective teaching methods

95.Your school has a hiking club and a debate club. For some reasons, some

students need to give up one of them. What advice do you have for your

classmates?

give up debate club: 1. hiking is helpful for their physical health 2. they are overwhelmed with studying >> walking in nature and climbing mountain, breathing clean and fresh air: improve mood, get relaxed, unwind themselves, refresh their minds.

96.Now many people are willing to take care of their children at home, what do you think about homescholling?

97.School campus newspapers need to add a new section, which ones you think will make students feel interested: 1)local restaurant reviews; 2) tips on travelling; 3) film recommendation

98.Describe the advantage and disadvantage of business started within the same family.

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99.Do you agree or disagree? Children should take part in sports team to be more socially developed.

100. If your good friend has made great achievements, such as running prizes, how would you celebrate it for him?

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101. If the government wants to invest in the following three areas, what do you think is the most worthwhile?

land exploration

education

health care

102. Some people think with the development of technology and Internet, libraries will disappear while others think libraries are always necessary. Which idea do you agree with, and please give specific details to support your opinion.

103. If universities are given financial support to develop researches, which one do you think would receive more benefits?

To predict weather more accurately

To clean rivers and ocean.

To deal with outer space

104. Some people like participating in performance like theatrical or musical show. Others prefer to be in audience watching those plays. Which one do you prefer?

105. Among the following jobs, which do you is most interesting one and why?

airplane pilot

actor

detective

106. Female and male university students should have separate residence halls. Do you agree or disagree?

107. Which of the following creative activities do you like to get involved in?

Pottery making

Writing

Art creation

Choose one and explain why.

108. Some people believe that we should not discuss the private activities of the popular people, like movie stars and singers. Do you agree? Why?

109. Your degree requires you to take one course, which one would you choose?

Energy and environment

Health and nutrition

Solar system

110. Some people prefer to give their opinions immediately. Others prefer to wait and listen to others' opinions before giving their own. Which one do you think is better?

111. Which one would you like to choose for your final project?

Having a presentation

Writing a paper

Preparing a video

112. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? We should help our friends only when they ask for help.

113. Your friend has just moved to a new city and is nervous about making new friends. What advice would you give your friend?

114. You have been very busy and unable to prepare for the exam tomorrow. You can either stay up late to study and sleep less or just study less and get full night's sleep. Which will you choose?

115. Describe a behavior that many people may do in public that you find inconsiderate.

116. Many people think that students study course materials more effectively by taking exams while others think that students learn more effectively through doing other activities such as writing papers or completing projects; which do you think is more effective for students to learn?

117. There is going to be a students' TV show. Which show would you like to watch. Please Give your reasons.

Interview school leaders

Students' debate on political and social topics

Comedy about school life

118. Some people want to change their appearance, even by surgery. Do you agree or disagree? Give your reasons.

119. The university decides to remodel the dormitory and add a new space to it. Which space do you recommend to add in your dormitory?

Cafe

Study room

Game room

120. All people should be required to stop working and retire by age 65. Do you agree or disagree?

121. Your friend wants to come to your country. What things do you suggest he do and not do to be polite and respectful?

122. If you have more money, do you want to spend your money on objects like clothes and electronic devices or spend your money on experience?

123. Which of the following areas of current events do you most like to read about?

Politics

Sports

Arts and films

124. Some students prefer to study for exam at night. Other students prefer to study during the day. Which one do you prefer? explain why.

125. Some people speak out in class, others prefer to listen and quietly observe. Which do you think leads to greater success in school? Explain why you think so.

126. Imagine that you have been accepted by two different universities; one university is well-known for its excellent academic program, but it's expensive while another is less well-known, but has offered you with scholarship to pay for your tuition fee. Which university would you prefer, explain why.

127. Things always change in an unexpected way. Please describe a thing you have recently done that, ten years ago, you never imagined you would do.
128. You live in a crowded city with only one green space-the city park. The government recently proposes to build a housing complex on this only green space. Do you think this is a good idea?
129. Recall an argument that you have ever had with others and describe the details of the conflict.
130. Students are asked to write a final project about the famous historical city where you live. Which way do you choose?
video the famous buildings
visit the old people
Research and write a paper
131. Some students think that they should be graded by participating in the discussion class while others think that they should be graded only by their written work such as papers. Which opinion would you prefer and give your reasons.
132. Your friend will move to a school and worried about making new friends there. What kind of advice will you give him to help him make new friend in the new school? Why?
133. Many people prefer to read books in electronic format on a computer screen or other devices. Some other people prefer to read books on paper printed copies. Which way do you prefer? Why?
134. Which of following aspects do you think contributes most to country's success
Many business opportunities
Well-rounded medical care system
A developed educational system
135. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
With the popularity of the technology that focuses on entertainment, people read fewer books than before.
136. You will need to accomplish an assignment to do a presentation. Which will you choose?
Act out a scene from a play(with a partner)
Explain your review of a novel you recently you read

Read a selection of poem

137. The university wants to provide students more entertainments and three choices are provided below; which do you prefer and why?

A theater performance by the student actors

A concert provided by a professional musician

A lecture by a professor

138. Friends may disagree with each other, and still maintain friendship. Do you agree with or disagree with this idea, why?

139. Which of the following three activities do you prefer to do with a group of people rather than alone ?

Eat a meal

Listen to music

Do homework

140. Do you agree or disagree that it is important for young people to learn some skills like cooking, sewing and taking care of children?

141. In your opinion, which of the following behavior is the most negative one displayed by children?

Being selfish

To speak impolitely

Being loud

142. In order to be successful, one has to make enemies. Do you agree and disagree?

143. What would you most like to take a course in?

Mathematics

Painting

Science

144. Do you agree or disagree? It is important for a child to spend a short period of time living far away from home, visiting relatives and friends.

145. Your friends are planning to take a part-time job while attending the university. Do you think it is a good idea? Why?

146. There are two invitations. One is a party with your friends and the other is having a dinner party with your parents. Which one would you prefer and why?

147. Nowadays traffic congestions are increasing, what can we do to reduce the cars in the city?

148. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is never too late to get a degree in university.

149. If you are going to choose a roommate, which of the following qualities is more important to you?

Cleanness

Friendliness

Quietness

150. Some people prefer to buy new books while some people would like to buy used books. What is your opinion?

151. If university plans to add a new course that is not being offered to students, which of the following courses, in your opinion, would attract more students?

Sound engineering and recording

History of rock music

Film studies

152. Some are willing to own and manage their own company, and some prefer to work in others' companies. Which do you prefer and why?

153. Which of the following technological developments have made the greatest impact on students' lives?

electronic books

online classes

smartphones

154. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? One of the best ways to learn about a country's culture is through watching television shows in that country.

155. Some people suggest students eat and drink during classes. Do you think it is a good idea?

156. Some people learn more in the morning. Some others learn more in the afternoon. Which is better for you?

157. There is a project at school which needs a leader. What qualities the leader should have in your opinion? Please talk about it and give details.

158. Some people think it is more important to spend time with family rather than study or work. Which opinion would you prefer? Why?

159. Describe a time that you were disappointed. What happened and what was your response.

160. Do you agree or disagree? Government should not allow violence and bad language in television programs.

161. There are many disagreements between friends. Which is one of the effective ways to resolve the disagreements. Use your examples and details to explain.

162. Some students prefer to choose a career before getting into college. Other students prefer to choose a career after taking some university courses. Which one do you prefer and why?

163. Which of the following functions of smart phones is the most beneficial to students?

taking photos

listening to the music

recording lectures.

164. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? a boss or a manager should not form close friendship with their employees.

165. There are many events at school which are negative when we confront them initially while they become positive after we experience them. Please give an example of events that were negative at first and became positive later for you.

166. Some people go to take exercise outside or go to gym each day while others take exercise or go to gym when they have free time. Which opinion would you prefer to and give your reasons.

167. Teaching is a challenging profession. Even the best teacher can make mistakes. What are the common mistakes a teacher can make?

168. Some kids like to play games outdoors, and some like to play inside homes. What did you prefer when you were a kid and why?

169. Your degree requires that you choose a history course. Which of the following courses would you prefer?

Art history

Twentieth-century world history

Science history

Choose ONE of the three courses. Use specific details and examples to explain why.

170. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students learn more when teachers assign a lot of homework. Use specific details and examples to explain why.

171. Nowadays, many people tend to move to a new city to work or study. List some advantages of it.

172. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is important for children to learn to draw or paint.
173. Which do you think is better: watching the news or reading the news? Explain why.
174. If you can have a part-time job at the university, what position would you choose: a lab assistant, a campus tour guide or a library assistant? Please give specific reasons.
175. Some people prefer to learn about current events from watching television news programs. Others prefer to read about current events in newspaper or on the Internet. Which one do you prefer? Why?
176. Which of the following ways is the best in getting to know Italian culture?
watching Italian movies
learning Italian cooking
attending Italian lectures or classes
177. Some people prefer to do shopping in large grocery stores or department stores. Others prefer to do shopping in small grocery stores. Which do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your response.
178. Describe the disadvantages of moving to a new place.
179. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Schools need to encourage students to be more creative and use imagination to be successful person.
180. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important to maintain relationship with family members than with friends.
181. Some people get to know a person by the first observation while others prefer to get to know a person by long time observation. Which one do you prefer and explain why.
182. If you are a teacher of a tutor group and you are going to take students to a study trip, where would you take them to? A. science museum B. local farm C. theater performance
183. Describe one of the most popular websites in your country? Explain why it is popular with details or examples.

184. What do you think is the most important thing that parents should teach their children? Please include details in your response.
185. Do you think it is a good idea for parents to give kids monetary reward if they have good grades in school. Please include details and examples in your explanation.
186. Describe one or two ways your life may change five years from now. Please include specific reasons and details in your response.
187. Do you agree or disagree the following statement? Older doctors are more knowledgeable than young doctors? Use specific details and examples to explain why.
188. Your friend is coming to your country for studying, but he or she is worried about the cost, what are the advices you can offer?
189. Teaching quality is very important to a university, what about other significant factors? Which one would you choose in the first place and why? 1. Size 2. Price 3. Location
190. When learning to use a new product, some people prefer to read the instruction manual. Others prefer to figure out how to use the product on their own. Which do you prefer and why? Give details and examples to support your response.
191. Your friend is always late for group events; what suggestions do you have for him?
192. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Building zoos helps to protect animals. Please give your answer with specific examples and details.
193. Describe a serious problem that your country is facing. Explain why it is so serious.
194. If a foreigner comes to your country, what would you advise him to take home?
195. Which of the following activities should the university give rewards to its high performance?
Volunteer service
Athletic achievement
Academic performance
196. Do you prefer big family or small family? Please give your answer with specific examples and details.

197. In your country when do people give gift to each other? Describe the occasion and types of gifts.
198. Do you agree with the statement: employees should be allowed to listen to music at work?
199. Which one of the following characteristics does your friend value most: cheerfulness, kindness or intelligence? Please choose one and use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
200. Some people prefer jobs working with computers or other technology, others like jobs working with no such technology. Which do you think is better and why?
201. Some people prefer to wash dishes by a dish washer. Others prefer to wash dishes by hands. Which do you prefer and why?
202. Do you agree or disagree the statement that we should let children use the computers or other electronic devices as early as they can?
203. The university plans to turn long summer holiday into several short holidays. Do you think it's a good idea?
204. Which kind of extracurricular activity would you like to attend if you have a chance: writing essays for students' newspaper, joining a hiking club or working in the dormitories discipline committee?
205. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Some people think the stories of famous people on TV have no relevance to ordinary people.
206. Some people like to get advice from parents or grandparents, while some people like to get help from their peers. Which do you prefer and why? Please include specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
207. How can you ensure that you can finish the assignment on time when the studying workload is heavy? Please include details in your answer.
208. Some people prefer to make detailed plans for the future. Others prefer to concentrate on present things and don't make any plans at all. Which way do you prefer? Please use specific reasons to support your answer.
209. Describe one thing you didn't want to do but you were asked to do. How was the result? Please explain with details.

210. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Wealthy people should be required to help poor people. Please answer the question with specific examples and details.
211. Describe a character in a book, film, or poem, explain why you like him or her. Please use specific details.
212. Which type of movie is not enjoyable for you to watch: action, romance or science fiction movies? Please give your answers with specific examples and details.
213. What do you do to deal with homesick when you are away from home? Please include specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
214. Your friend often feels nervous when speaking in front of large group of people. What suggestions would you give to your friend to overcome this fear?
215. What kind of job will you choose? To choose a job through which you can get a lot of money or to choose a job through which you can get great personal satisfaction? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
216. Some schools require students to finish a reading list during school breaks. Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of this requirement.
217. Some people prefer to write many short assignments for a semester, other prefer to write one or two long assignments for a semester. Which do you prefer? Explain why.
218. Some people prefer to live in places where climate does not change very much, while others prefer to live in places where climate changes with seasons. Which one do you prefer? Why?
219. Some people prefer to celebrate special occasions like birthdays with their friends, others prefer to be alone at such occasions. Which do you prefer? Use examples and details to support your response.
220. Which one of the three occupations do you think is the hardest. (1) Government worker (2) Doctor (3) Police officer. Please state your reasons with specific details.
221. Describe your favorite room either of your own house or in other places and explain why.

222. Among the following three professions, which do you think make the biggest contribution to society? Teachers, farmers, doctors.
223. Do you agree or disagree with the following question. In order to stay happy, you must have a job that you love doing.
224. Describe a day that you enjoyed the most or was the most special to you. Include reasons and details to support your response.
225. Some people prefer to have classes during the day and do part-time jobs in the evening while others prefer to have classes in the evening and do part-time jobs during the day. Which do you prefer?
226. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Power and money is the symbol of success.
227. What is your favorite outdoor place to do exercise in a nice day?
228. Some people like to have a break or get a job during summer vacation. Others think it is better to take a class. Which do you prefer and why?
229. Describe a most unforgettable success in your life. Explain why it was important to you. Include reasons and examples to support your response.
230. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is never too late for an old person to receive higher education and to get a university degree. Use specific reasons to support your answer.
231. In your opinion, what is the most important invention in your life? Computer, television or telephone?
232. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important lessons cannot be learned in classrooms.
233. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? College education should only be available to people who have done well in secondary school.
234. What was your favorite toy or game in your childhood?
235. Do you like to be taught by experienced teachers or by new teachers?
236. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is good for students to attend a university or college in a foreign country. Explain why.
237. Is it easier to be a teacher than to be a student?
238. Describe your favorite teacher. Explain why you like him or her. Include reasons and details to support your response.

239. Some people prefer to make decisions quickly. Others prefer to take their time. Which do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your response.
240. Describe an activity that you enjoy doing together with your family. Explain why. Please include reasons and details in your response.
241. Some people prefer to do shopping in large grocery stores or department stores. Others prefer to do shopping in small grocery stores. Which do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your response.
242. Describe a special friend in your childhood. Explain why this friend is special to you. Include reasons and details to support your response.
243. Some people prefer to be a leader in a group project, while others prefer to be a supporting member in a group project. Which do you prefer and why? Use examples and details in your explanation.
244. Describe a time when you tried to do something that you have never done. Explain what you did and why you did it.
245. Some people prefer to do one job or project at one time. Other people prefer to do several jobs or projects at the same time. Which do you prefer and why?
246. Describe one of your friends. Explain how you met and became friends.
247. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Personality changes as one grows older.
248. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should be required to help with household tasks as soon as they are old enough to do so. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
249. Describe one thing you didn't want to do but you were asked to do. Explain what the result of that thing was. Include reasons and details in your response.
250. What do you think is the most important quality of a working environment: good leaders, good colleagues, or flexible time?
251. Do you agree or disagree: cell phone changes our lives greatly.

252. Describe an interesting style of clothing in your country.
253. Some people like to spend their spare time with friends, some people like to spend it alone. Which one do you prefer?
254. If you were to become a volunteer at the school or in the community, what kind of volunteer work would you do and why?
255. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: artists and musicians are important to our society.
256. Talk about one activity you will do in the near future. Explain why you want to do this activity.
257. Some students take notes very often during class. Other students do not take notes or rarely take notes. Which do you think is better?
258. Describe an important day in your life. Explain why it is important.
259. Watching TV is not a good use of time. Do you agree or disagree?
260. Describe a historical event that you're interested in most. Explain why you are interested in it and want to know more about it. Include reasons and examples to support your response.
261. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? What a person wears can show his or her personality.
262. Talk about an activity you enjoyed doing with your family when you were a child. Describe the activity and explain why it was enjoyable to do this activity with your family.
263. Talk about a type of movie you do not like. Explain why you do not like this type of movie.
264. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students should do part-time jobs before attending college.
265. Describe a period of time in your life that you enjoyed the most. Explain why.
266. Do you prefer to listen to live music like concert, or do you prefer to listen to recorded music.
267. Describe a special experience that has changed you in life. Give reasons why it changed you with examples/details.
268. Do you prefer to learn from current people and events or from people and events in the past?

269. Describe a tool or object that you rely on often in your daily life. Explain why it is important to you. Include reasons and examples to support your response.
270. Some people prefer to solve a challenge all by themselves. Others prefer to depend on other people's help. Which do you prefer and why? Include details and examples in your explanation.
271. Which person do you want to know more about? Explain why.
272. Do you like to go to one place and stay there for a long time for your vacation, or different places and spend little time at each place?
273. Choose ONE of the forms of the technology in the list and tell why it has great impact on people's lives in your country? Airplane, computer or television. Use specific reasons and examples to support your response.
274. Which is better for children? To grow up in a big city or to grow up in a small town?
275. If a foreign visitor comes to your country, what food will you introduce to him/her? Explain why.
276. Talk about an experience of learning something new. What difficulties do you have to overcome in order to learn it?
277. Some people like to watch or listen to news every day while others do that occasionally. Which do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and examples to illustrate your point.
278. Where do you like to go shopping? Explain why. Include details and examples to support your response.
279. What do you think is the most important advancement over the past 20 years in your country? Use reasons and specific examples to explain why you think that is important.
280. Talk about a memorable experience you had in a restaurant or cafe. Explain what happened and why it was memorable. Give specific details in your response.
281. Some people believe that a person needs to possess natural physical ability in order to be successful at sports. Others believe that any person can become successful at sports through hard work. Which do you agree with and why?
282. Describe a person that you look up to as a role model. Explain how this person influenced your life.

283. Do you prefer to have fast food in a fast-food restaurant, or do you prefer to have food in other kinds of places?
284. Describe a piece of news or a news story that you have been interested in recently. Explain why you think it was interesting. Include reasons and details in your response.
285. Some students prefer to take an essay question where they must write an essay to a question. Other students prefer to take a test with objective/multiple-choice questions. Which type of exam question do you prefer? Give reasons and examples in your explanation.
286. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People who are 18 years old are not mature enough to vote.
287. Our society is now facing very serious environment problems. Choose one approach that you believe to be useful to save our planet.
288. Are you willing to carefully choose the gift which your friends like or choose whatever you like ?
289. Among the following three types of books, which do you like the least? Mystery novel, science fiction, biography.
290. Do you like to travel alone or travel with your family members? Explain why.
291. Describe a good study habit you have that is different from other students.
292. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Playing computer or video games has a negative influence on teenagers.
293. What kind of music do you like the least? Give reasons why you do not like this kind of music.
294. Some college students like to spend their free time studying another course or doing schoolwork. Others like to join a club and enjoy club activities. Which do you think is better and why?
295. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? University students should learn how to manage their time more efficiently.
296. Some people think it is better for students to study in a classroom building. Others think that it is better for students to study on the Internet. Which do you think is better and why?

297. Describe a performer, an actor or a musician, etc. that you think is great. Please give specific reasons why you think he/she is a great performer.
298. What are some of the benefits that cell phones bring to people?
299. Do you agree or disagree that students should be required to go to school before they are 16.
300. What are some important effects of the worldwide availability of the Internet on modern people's life? Use specific details and examples to support your response.
301. Some students prefer to go to universities or colleges in their hometown. Others prefer to go to universities or colleges in new cities or towns. Which do you prefer and why? Include details and examples in your explanation.
302. People often feel home sick when they are away from home. What do you often do to deal with home sickness?
303. Do you prefer to take courses related to a specific career, or do you prefer to take a variety of courses?
304. Do you like to prepare for something in the beginning or wait just before the due date?
305. One of your friends is going to study math as his major. What suggestions would you give to this friend?
306. Some people would borrow money to buy things they need. Others would save up money until they can afford it. Which would you do and why?
307. Talk about two singers who are popular in your country. Explain why they are popular and how they are different.
308. When they meet a problem, some people prefer to seek advice or help from people who are older than they are, while others prefer to seek advice or help from people of the same age. Which do you prefer and why?
309. Is it a good idea to keep a pet such as a dog or a cat? What can you benefit from such an experience?
310. Should students start to plan their career before entering college, or should they do so until they have entered college and studied for a period of time?
311. Are the living standards of people today better than the past?

312. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The Internet plays an important role in your life. Use specific examples and details to support your answer.
313. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students nowadays work harder in their study than students in the past.
314. One of your friends has suddenly received a large amount of money and has asked you for advice on how to handle this money. What advice would you give to your friend? Give reasons for your answer.
315. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? People should dress according to the latest fashion.
316. Many regions in the world face problems with air pollution. What can be done to decrease the amount of air pollution in these regions? Use details and examples in your response.
317. Given the choice, many people would prefer to live in an older or more historic building or house. Others would prefer to live in a more modern building or house. Which would you prefer, and why?
318. Among the following three professions, which do you respect the most: photographers, musicians, painters. Explain why.
319. Which do you prefer, reading paper books or reading electronic books? Explain why.
320. Describe a change in your country. It could be a social, economic or political change. Explain how this change influenced people in your country.
321. Some students prefer to live alone or live with their friends when they study abroad. Other students prefer to live with local family when they study abroad. Which way do you prefer and why?
322. Some people prefer to listen to music while they are studying or working. Others prefer to stay in a quiet place while they are studying or working. Which way do you prefer and why? Include reasons and details in your response.
323. Many schools do not allow students to take their laptop computers into the classroom. What do you think are the advantages and

disadvantages of having laptop computers in the classroom? Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.

324. Some people like to move about and live in different places. Others like to stay at one place all their lives. Which do you prefer and why?

325. Among the following three types of work, which would you enjoy doing the most? Helping children with communication problems, doing community work, growing plants in the garden.

326. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Watching sports programs on television is not a good use of time.

327. Some people prefer outdoor activities such as basketball. Others prefer indoor activities such as yoga. Which would you prefer and why?

328. Many schools require their students to complete at least 40 hours of community service. Do you agree or disagree with this requirement? Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.

329. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The success of a school largely depends on the resources it has such as textbooks and journals.

330. Describe the differences between two cities that you have visited before. Give details and examples to support your response.

331. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers should encourage students to start using computers from primary school. Give details and examples to support your response.

332. Do you agree or disagree that assignments handed in after the deadline should receive a lower score?

333. What are the advantages and disadvantages of allowing students to eat in class? Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.

334. Some people like to collect old things such as newspapers. Others throw things away after they have used them. Which do you prefer and why?

335. Describe one way to improve the system of education in your country. Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.

336. Some people like to reading paper books while other like to listen to audio books. Which do you prefer and why?

337. What kind of food do you recommend to add to the food menu of the campus cafeteria? Use Examples and details to support your response.

338. Some people like to buy new and expensive books while others prefer to buy old and cheap ones. Which would you prefer?
339. Should people be encouraged to visit science and art museums?
340. If you were to choose a place to live, what kind of location would you prefer and why? 1. A place close to school 2. A place close to your family 3. A place close to a transportation hub (airport or bus terminal, etc.)
341. Some people think the best way to study is to attend a lecture. Others say that it's better to read by yourself. Which way do you prefer and why?
342. Nowadays robots are widely used in the society. What are the benefits and risks of this?
343. Should employees be required to wear suits in the workplace, or should they wear casual clothes?
344. If a foreign tourist visits your city, where would you take this tourist? A factory, a university, or a museum? Give reasons for your answer.
345. Talk about one of your family members who has similar traits as you. Describe those traits.
346. Between the following two places, where would you choose to live? 1. Big and new place but far from your workplace and/or university 2. small and old place but near your workplace and/or university
347. Which of the following three subjects would you choose to learn? Math, painting, science. Explain what you want to learn from this subject.
348. Do you prefer to use e-mails to communicate with your friends and family members or do you prefer to use the telephone?
349. If you are asked by your teacher to do community service, which of the following would you choose? Explain why. 1. helping children with their homework 2. teaching adults to use the computer 3. cleaning city park
350. Do you prefer to live in an area that is noisy but close to shops or public transportation, or an area that is quiet but far away from shops and public transportation?